

EVANGELIZING THE NEGRO.

CARDINAL GIBBONS'S NEW MOVE NOT
LIKELY TO BE A SUCCESS.

City—The Legation Not Likely to Entertain Him—What Has Been Done for the Cause of Charity.

A prominent Catholic clergyman of the diocese of Richmond, speaking to a reporter of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN about the new move made by Cardinal Gibbons and his suffragans looking to the evangelization of the colored people of the South, said: "I have a little faith in any such movement. I have had a long and varied experience among the colored people of Virginia and other southern states, and I have found that, while as a race they have a religious instinct, and a form of religion is not the one adapted to the expression of their piety. In the last ten years we have made very many conversions, but I have not been able to estimate, but I must confess that our numbers have been increased but little by the conversions. I have found that the religion found in the very nature of the race. The Catholic ceremonies are essentially of a silent, meditative nature, and are adapted to the religious nature of the race, rather than to bring forth an expression of the soul within him. During the religious service there is a solemn silence, broken

words of the choir, while the congregation devoutly follows on. Now, the negro, who has any religious fervor, feels like a slave, and he has no part in the singing of hymns, and raise his voice in prayer, and let his thoughts break forth in words. Meditative religion is not for him. He cannot grasp it. He needs something that appeals to the physical senses. Place him in a church where he must sit for hours in silence and he wearies, and he will not return if he can help it. We have tried to evangelize the negro many times, and the result is that only the church-going negro, the Bishop Keane, of Richmond, inaugurated in his diocese just such a movement as that contemplated by the cardinal. Being a very earnest man, and a most eloquent preacher, he is the only one who has

to come to the Catholic Church, offering them the choicest seals, and gave special services for them. For a while the novelty of the bling attracted the negroes. They came in large numbers, and it looked as if they were about to become earnest Catholics. But soon became apparent, however, that the new form of ceremonies were not adapted to their tastes. After a month or so until the services were discontinued. The results in the way of conversions were very meager, and the work of the clergy was almost unmanageable. The slave population of Catholic negroes I know of, are those who were raised in slavery by Catholic masters, and who were taken to the plantations in the eastern shore of Maryland and in the river country, where Catholics were so numerous.

How He Will be Received and Entertained in this City.

Prince Louis Napoleon's arrival in San Francisco and his expressed desire to visit Washington has created a little sensation in the French colony here, and particularly among the French legation, who are avowed republicans. Anent this fact is the story that recently a young attaché of the legation, who entertained the royalist sentiments too limited and in consequence he was quietly and suddenly given a back seat at another dispatch, with a hint that unless he curbed his

low. The prince will be entertained here by Col. Jerome Bonaparte, of K Street. Col. Bonaparte is a third cousin of the prince. Society will entertain Prince Mon, who is only years old morally, but without the official assistance of the French legation it will appear to be rather odd, if not queer. A visit to B. downtown, N. J., will form part of the programme.

THE SANITARY WORK.

The Sick, Needy, and Distressed It

In a small room on the second floor of the back part of police headquarters is a man, stout build, quiet manner, slow of speech, whose features at times appear to be immovable. This man is Sergt. D. H. Teeple, sanitary officer metropolitan police. At day break, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m. he may be found at this place attending to the affairs of his department in patient and painstaking way. His duty is to look after the sick, the injured, the poor, the distressed. During the past year his office has received 1,000 patients. The hospital at St. Mary's Hospital received 785 patients; Providence Hospital 379; Washington asylum hospital, 280; Garfield Hospital, 41; Columbia Ho-

the Infants, 118; Almshouse, 16 St. Ann's Infant Asylum gave refuge to 80 persons; Washington City Orphan Asylum, 10; Colored Orphans' Home, 2; House of the Good Shepherd cared for 2 wayward girls; Woman's Christian Association provided for 14 destitute persons; Little Sisters of the Poor received aged person, and the Central Dispensary, 2.

Of the 572 persons furnished with transportation many chapters of sorrow, troubles, trials and tribulations could be told. Extra

ment employment were sent home with and sadder by their experience. 19 "crash" with lofty missions were quietly borned of the city, 86 convalescents were aided to homes, 15 were aided to find relations, 510 for private work were only to glad to help to get back to distant homes that left, and the balance were old soldiers in search of persons and people their way to homes and friends, connection with the sanitary work, the

Special Train to the Pimlico Races
For the Pimlico races the passenger department of the Pennsylvania railroad has arranged for the accommodation of the Washington patrons desiring to visit the fall meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club to run a special train, composed of first-class coaches, to Pocomoke, Md., leaving the Capital City station at 10:30 a. m. and returning to Washington at 6:30 p. m.

Philadelphia Excursionists.
A party of excursionists will arrive in the city tomorrow morning, numbering 135 ladies and gentlemen from Philadelphia, and the round trip will be \$2.

Men versus Nature. Some men will act against wise provision of nature. They will use cigars and liquor in excess, overwork themselves physically and

New Board of Pension Appeals.—The new board of pension appeals, comprising nine members, begins its work this week.

The board will be apportioned to various divisions, each embracing three of the members and each independent of the others. A new set of rules has been formed for the guidance of the board.

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The happy woman who was cured of her headache by using Salvation Oil is enthusiastic.

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Mrs. Cleveland at Church.

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Base ball game at Capitol Park to day.
